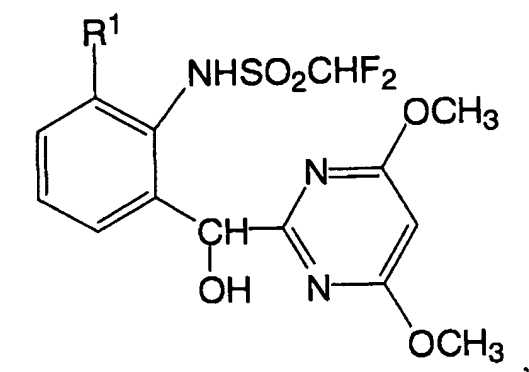


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A granular pesticide preparation characterized by comprising composition which comprises (1) non-disintegrable pesticide granules containing: an acidic pesticidal active ingredient selected from sulfonylurea-based compounds and difluoromethanesulfonylanilide compounds represented by the formula,



wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom, alkyl group or alkoxyalkyl group, and salts thereof; a cationic surfactant which is gelled in water selected from dialkyldimethylammonium chlorides wherein the alkyl part has 8-22 carbon atoms; and a basic substance which having a pH of 7.5 or higher in a 1 mass % aqueous solution or a 1 mass % aqueous suspension, the non-disintegrable pesticide granules are being not disintegrated in water within 30 minutes, and

(2) a second pesticidal active ingredient,

~~and the granular pesticide composition~~ having a granule size of 0.3 to 3 mm in diameter or of 0.6 to 3 mm in breadth and 2 to 10 mm in length, ~~wherein said preparation has~~and having properties of settling in water rapidly after application on water surface and of disintegration in water within 30 minutes.

Claims 2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The granular pesticide ~~preparation~~composition according to

7. (Currently Amended) The granular pesticide ~~preparation~~composition according to claim 1, wherein the cationic surfactant is ~~gelled or becomes swollen in water~~dilauryldimethylammonium chloride, dioleoyldimethylammonium chloride, dicocoyldimethylammonium chloride or distearyldimethylammonium chloride.

COc1cc(NC(CO)c2ccccc2R1)nc(O)c1

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chlorides wherein the alkyl part has 8-22 carbon atoms; and a basic substance, and are not disintegrated in water within 30 minutes having a pH of 7.5 or higher in a 1 mass % aqueous solution or a 1 mass % aqueous suspension.

Claim 9. (Cancelled).